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Mr. Eric York, General Manager
Moab Salt, Incorporated
P.O. Box 1208
Moab, Utah 84532

Dear Mr. York:

Re: Operation and Reclamation Plan Review and Permitting, Cane Creek Potash Mine,
M/019/005, Grand County, Utah

I wanted to follow up on some recent meetings and discussions the Division has had regarding the permitting of the Cane Creek Mine. The Division met, separately, with Moab Salt and the Bureau of Water Pollution Control on April 5, 1989 and April 12, 1989, respectively.

The Division was asked by the company if the permitting process might be consolidated and performed by one agency. The request was made with the idea that this might facilitate the elimination of confusion and duplicate efforts on the part of the operator. Unfortunately, because of the separation of regulating jurisdiction, this will not be possible. The Bureau of Water Pollution Control does have direct regulatory authority over much of the remaining permitting concerns; in particular those concerns dealing with surface and ground water quality.

The Division and the Bureau of Water Pollution Control, have agreed to maintain the permitting lead breakdown as originally outlined in the Division's February 23, 1989 letter to Moab Salt. The Division will work with the operator separately on those concerns under our authority and stipulate in any forthcoming approval the later completion of any remaining permitting or compliance requirements which fall under the authority of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
Administrator
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cc: Don Ostler, BWPC

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